



Neighbors



FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK



Happy New Year to everyone! A whole new year! And it’s time to decide what you’re going to do with it.

With days like **Motivation and Inspiration Day** (Jan. 2nd), and **National CanDo Day** (Jan. 4th), there are plenty of days to celebrate and focus on getting things done this month.

We hope your Holidays were happy ones. Now it’s time to put away the decorations and wait for spring. Christmas trees, lights and outside decorations (including those pumpkins we’ve seen here and there) should be removed form outside of the apartments by January 13th or the Housing Authority will remove them and charge you. Thanks for everyone’s cooperation.

If you take Macoupin County Public Transportation to attend a Housing Authority meeting or event, the Authority will pay for your ride. Keep in mind that you have to make arrangements for your ride in advance; don’t wait until the last minute. This should save everyone a little money and be a pleasant way to travel.

The office will be closed:

- Monday, January 2, 2023 to observe New Year’s Day.
- Monday, January 16, 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr’s Birhtday.

Stay Safe and Healthy and have a Happy New Year!

Dionne Wyatt, CEO

All recertification’s need the following information if it applies to you:

ALL Income Information, such as:

- Employer:** Name and address/check stubs; need at least 3 paystubs
- Pension:** Name and address/copy of last stub;
- Self-Employment:** Copies of monthly balance sheets along with proof of income and expenses/ yearly tax form; Schedule C
- Child Support:** Name and address of payer/proof of amount such as divorce decree or statement from Courthouse or other agency through which it is paid; or a bank statement showing the amount deposited
- Unemployment compensation:** Copy of stubs or letter from unemployment insurance office;
- Welfare assistance:** Copy of letter from agency which states amount received;
- Social Security/SSI:** Copy of letter you received from Social Security which states the gross amount you receive and any Medicare deduction, if applicable;
- *you receive a new letter every year stating the amount you will receive*

Workers Compensation: Copy of stubs;

-**Family Support-** Letter from any family member or friend that assists in paying your bills, whether giving you money or paying bills directly. (ex. If your mom pays \$60 on your car insurance each month I need a letter from mom stating that)

Assets:

Provide a copy of the most recent statement for any checking accounts, savings accounts, C/Ds or any other investments including Stocks, Bonds or IRAs, etc:

Proof of Value for ALL Real Estate: Provide appraisal and proof of any money owed, if any; Contract for Deed (Contract)

Burial Fund: Provide name and address where account is set up, also current balance and interest rate. (Only need this information if it can be cashed out)

Life insurance policies that have a cash value

If you receive your Social Security, child support, employment pay, or any other form of income on a debit card that is not linked to a checking or savings account we must have a statement or a recent ATM receipt.

Expenses:

Child Care Expenses – Name and address of childcare provider and proof of amount paid. We can only count if paid by you and you are not reimbursed by any agency or person.

Utility Bills:

Most recent gas, electric, & water bill.

IF HADICAPPED, DISABLED, OR ELDERLY:

Medical – Outstanding Medical Bills with proof of regular payment;

Medical Insurance – Payment verification;

Prescriptions – Printout from pharmacy for the last **12 months** so as to establish an average;

Receipts for ongoing OTC medicines; must also have a letter from your Dr. stating that those medicines are recommended on a regular basis. (Can only count the amount from the receipts)

Proof of Spend Down or Cost of Pharmaceutical Card.

Please note that we can only count those costs, which are recurring and will be predictable expenses in the coming year.

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday

8am—4:30pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Thursday & Friday

8am—4:30pm

Emergency Work

Order Number:

(217) 827-2100

EMERGENCIES INCLUDE:

- ♦ Gas leaks
- ♦ Broken water pipes
- ♦ Exposed electrical wires
- ♦ No heat (if the outside temperature is 45-degrees or lower)
- ♦ Sewer line stoppage (not drain line)- this includes a clogged toilet
- ♦ CO/Smoke detector beeping or chirping

Also fire, flood, or anything that threatens life, safety or property damage.

UPCS for January

There are no UPCS inspections scheduled for this month

Preventive Maintenance for January

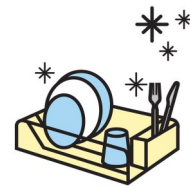
47-20 Palmyra (220 O.C. Ct., 230 O.C. Ct., 230 N. Main, 216 N. Main, 139 W. Lewis St.)

47-18 Bunker Hill (E. Pleasant St., Putnam St., Hamilton St.)

*Q&A (Quality Assurance) inspections may take place on work orders and inspections anywhere from 3-5 days after the inspection/work order happened.

DAILY CLEANING CHORE LIST

CLEAN DISHES—Why Clean Dishes Daily? Maybe you've never seen what happens to a sink-full of dishes left to sit, but it isn't pretty. Smells, stains and odd fungal growth usually go with unforgotten dishes. Cleaning dishes daily is the best choice all around.



WASH LAUNDRY—Not every family needs to wash laundry daily, but many of us find that at least a daily load of laundry is necessary. With work clothes, school clothes, soccer practice clothes and sports uniforms, our families can generate a lot of dirty clothes. A daily load can prevent a mad dash to find a baseball jersey in the bottom of the hamper.

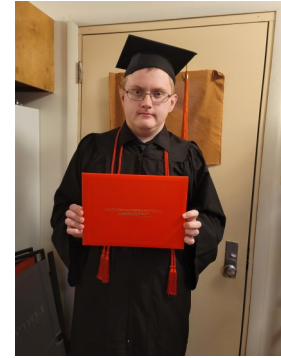
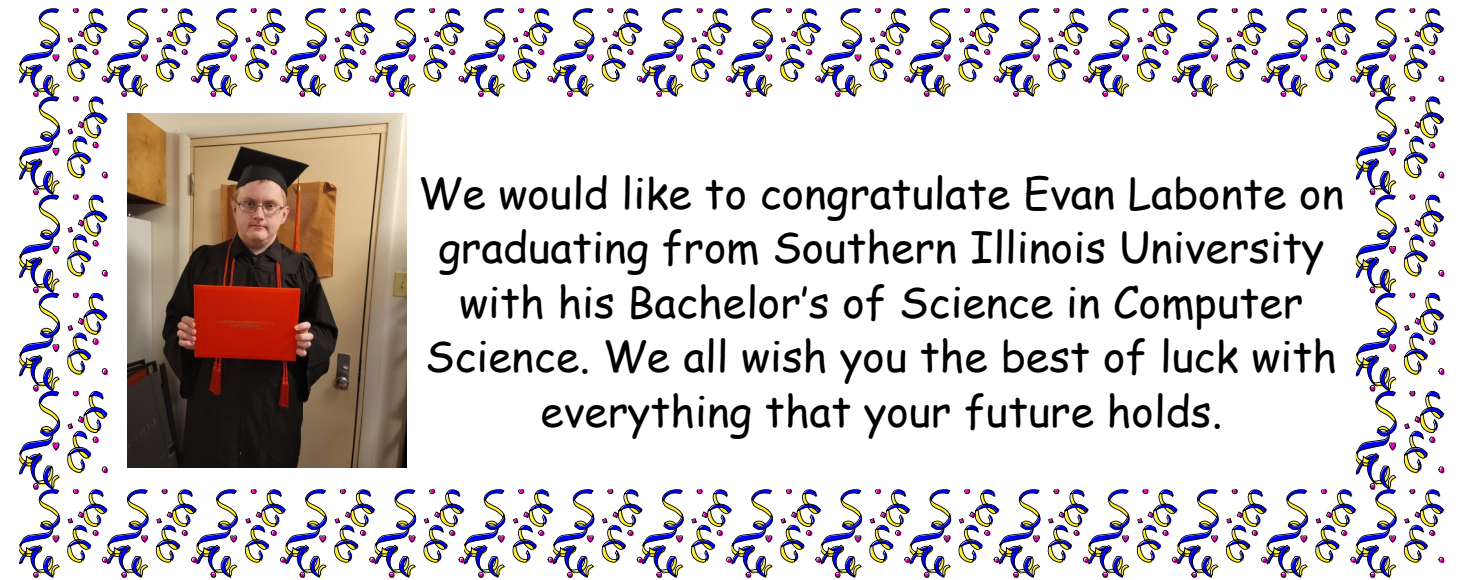
TIDY UP—Doing a little clutter control on a daily basis keeps your home ready for company at a moment's notice. A few minutes of picking up each day also prevents your home from turning into a disaster zone that will take hours to plow through. A tidy room makes a big difference in our motivation to tackle bigger projects.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Brenda Wyhs

is the winner of the \$50 Walmart gift card for December UPCS inspections!

Since there are no UPCS inspections scheduled for January, everyone has a little extra time to prepare for February.



We would like to congratulate Evan Labonte on graduating from Southern Illinois University with his Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science. We all wish you the best of luck with everything that your future holds.

Some residents have put plastic over their windows in an attempt to keep cold air out of the their apartments. Those who have should remove it - all windows in the unit must be operable. The plastic makes it impossible to use them. This is a HUD UPCS requirement, which the Authority must follow.

All tenants who receive SS or SSI benefits are to send their new award letter in as soon as they get it. Also be sure to hang onto them in a safe place because you will need them throughout the year for such things as recertification, LIHEAP, food stamps, ETC.

Rent is due on the 1st of every month. You have until the 5th to pay it without any penalties. After the 5th you will have late fees accruing from the 1st being \$1 a day. Example: If you pay your full rent on the 15th you will then have \$14 in late fees that will be due by the end of the month. Please be mindful of Holidays and weekends. If the 5th falls on a weekend or holiday, it will not be process by the bank until the next business day. The Housing Authority goes by the date the bank processes it. You will be charged a late fee based on the date processed by the bank. Failure to pay your rent on time will be grounds for eviction. As stated in your lease, if you are late more than 3 times in a 12-month period you could face eviction.



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